

AGENDA

RECREATION COMMITTEE

September 9, 2004

5:00 p.m.

1. Call to order – Councilman Denny Sutherland, Chairman.
2. Welcome to guests and consultant team – Mayor Fitch and Chairman Sutherland.
3. Overview by Grimm and Parker.
 - a) Facility cost estimates, site work/bid information and “master plan” – Powerpoint presentation.
 - b) Operational considerations – Powerpoint presentation.
4. Potential options, considerations and discussion.
5. Adjourn.

Town and county officials discuss 'mutual interests'

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A recent meeting with their county counterparts was "productive," according to some Warrenton town officials.

The meeting, which was held last week, enabled county supervisors and the Warrenton Town Council to discuss projects of "mutual interest." Some of the key topics included construction of a parking facility in Old Town Warrenton and a new recreation facility.

Although the groups did not agree to team up on any specific projects, Town Councilman John "Sparky" Lewis deemed the meeting "positive and productive."

"I think the glass wall between the Town Hall and the Warren Green Building has come down," he said. "It is a great beginning."

Fitch also said that he found the meeting to be "very useful. We certainly understand the budget constraints the county is facing," he said.

While the county may not help to foot the bill for a new parking garage, Fitch said he was encouraged by the supervisors' willingness to consider "alternative funding" for a recreation center.

Specifically, Fitch noted that Scott District Supervisor Bill Downey made some suggestions that may be worth pursuing, but declined to provide further details. Downey could not be reached for comment.

The supervisors have also expressed interest in attending the next meeting of the town's recreation commission, Fitch said. That meeting is now scheduled for Sept. 9.

Recreation center to break ground soon

By then, town officials could have a better sense of when ground-breaking on the first phase of the recreation center project will occur. As of now, it could be held within the next month to 45 days, Fitch said.

The preliminary work will include preparing the playing surfaces and parking lots. It will also include prep work for the

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skateboard park and roller hockey rink. The building that will ultimately house two pools and other amenities will also be put on grade.

As proposed, the aquatic center — which would be part of the recreation complex located between Route 211 and Old Waterloo Road — will feature a "leisure pool" equipped with slides, and a competition pool with seating to accommodate up to 200 spectators.

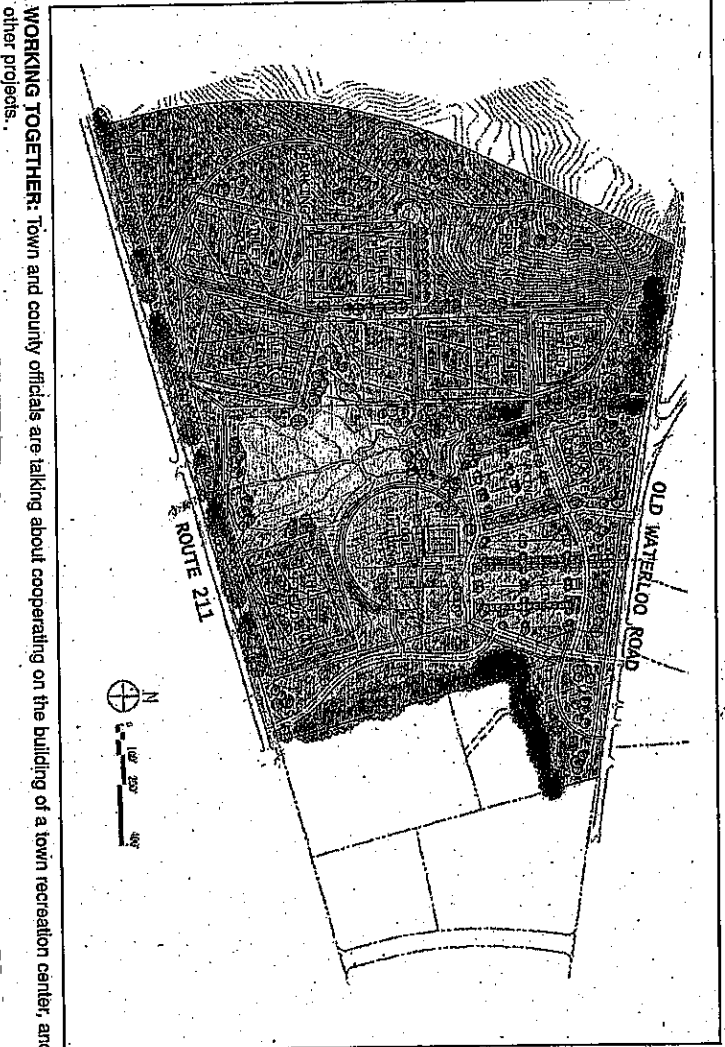
Other features in the two-story building include a juice bar, snack bar, reception area, administration offices and fitness area.

A cost breakdown provided in April indicates that the competition pool would cost roughly \$3.3 million. The leisure pool would cost about \$2.8 million and the locker rooms would cost about \$900,000.

A multipurpose room would cost about \$400,000 and the fitness room would cost about \$693,000. The cafe would cost about \$75,000, and the party room would cost about \$137,000. The total cost for the building is now estimated at \$9.8 million. Site work would cost roughly \$3 million, bringing the total estimated project cost to \$12.8 million.

"I want the press and citizens to understand that this is not a \$13 million pool," Lewis said, when the council viewed revised plans for the facility this spring.

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WORKING TOGETHER: Town and county officials are talking about cooperating on the building of a town recreation center, and other projects.